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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Please amend this application as follows:

In The Specification

At page 2, line 1, insert the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/249,955, filed February 12, 1999, which is now US Patent No. 6,294,063. An 11/14/03

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 9-19 and 29-41 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-8, 20-22, and 24-28 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for programmably manipulating a plurality of packets, said apparatus comprising: